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## MS PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Horiguchi, Takuya and Minakoshi, Akira

For: RUBBER COMPOSITION AND PNEUMATIC TIRE USING THE SAME

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of Nineteen (19) pages
- ( ) sheet(s) formal drawings
- An assignment of the invention
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- Applicant does not claim priority
- Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-216569 filed in JAPAN on July 25, 2003.
  - Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
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Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

a.  --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) on Patent Application No(s). 2002-216569 filed in JAPAN on July 25, 2002, which is(are) herein incorporated by reference.--

b.  --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) on U.S. Provisional Application No(s). filed on , which is(are) herein incorporated by reference.--

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Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76

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